DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Construction work has not yet started.

(b) an amount of Rs. 7.30 crores has been spent on this project till December, 1988.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two Joint Venture partners viz. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. & Tata Chemicals Ltd., a Detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted by them in May, 1988. The DPR was examined by the Government and the Joint Venture Company was asked to incorporate material relating to evaluation of different processing schemes, some detailed engineering etc. in the DPR which is essential to arrive at a realistic cost estimate and time frame for project implementation. Target date for completion has not been fixed.

Production and supply of liquified petroleum gas in the country

676. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has not been possible to maintain the supply of liquified gas in proportion to its demand in the country for the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the annual production of liquified petroleum gas in the country;

(c) what quantity of this gas out of its total production is utilised by the common consumers; and

(d) what is the quantity of gas imported in order to meet its demand during the last three years and in the first nine months of the corrent financial year as also the cost at which it was so imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As it is a clean, cheap and convenient cooking fuel, demand for LPG continues to outstrip supply;

(b) and (c) The total estimated requirement of LPG during 1988-89 is about 1.97 million MT. It is proposed to meet it from the estimated indigenous production of 1.75 million MT and through imports to the extent of shortfall;

(d) The information is given below:

Year	Quantity imported (in 000 MT)	Cost (Rs/Lakhs)
1985-86	32	1090
1986-87	22	409
1987-88	152	4501
1988-89	167	4900

(As on 1-1-89—Provisional)

Exploration of Petroleum and Natural Gas in the Krishna-Godavari basins

677. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA KRISHNA:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position with regard to Petroleum and Natural Gas in the explorations in Krishna-Godavari basins;

(b) what are the current estimates of commercially viable production in respect of the gas and oil in the same basin; and

(c) what are the plans for utilisation of these production in the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The basin is under exploration. As on 1-1-1988, geological reserves of 20.03 million tonnes of oil and 20.643 billion cubic metres of gas, have been established.

(b) and (c) Production of about 2.7 million tonnes of oil and about 59 million cubic metres of gas have been tentatively envisaged from this basin in VIII Plan. Utilisation of such gas is linked up to production plans.

Ramagundam-Salem-Trichur transmission line

678. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of 400 KV Ramagundam-Salem-Trichur transmission line;

(b) how much amount has so far been spent on this line;

(c) how much amount was allotted and spent last year on this line; and

(d) what is the schedule for commissioning of this line whether the schedule will be adhered to; if not, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The Ramagundam-Salem Section of the line is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation and Salem-Trichur Section by Neyveli Lignite Corporation. The length of the line, the amount spent so far, amount allotted and spent last year are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Section of the line	Length (in kms.)	Amount spent upto 1/89	Funds allotted in 87-88	Amount spent during 87-88
Ramagundam-Salem	1084	144.47	11.53	12.61
Salem-Trichur	413	11.66	2.95	2.85

(d) The Ramagundam-Salem Section of the line has been commissioned and the Salem-Trichur Section is scheduled for commissioning in 1990-91. The commissioning schedule is expected to be met.

Recovery of overcharged amounts

679. SHRI P.N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 239 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) when the overcharged amount due from the companies after December. 1983, would be collected;

(b) whether this work would also be done by the special team or a separate team would be set up for the purpose;

(c) how long it would take to assess the amounts and what is the progress in this regard so far;

(d) why a task force consisting of cost experts is not constituted for the purpose; and

(e) what is the quantity and rate of recovery taken for each drug for which amount was worked out upto December, 1983?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The recoveries of the over-charged amounts for the entire period, which is under review, will become due after the Reports of the Special Team are received and the Government's final decisions thereon are taken.

Recoveries due under Para 7(2) and Para 4 of DPCO 1979

680. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recoveries under Para a